

**MARICOPA COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MARCH 21, 2001**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Supervisor Andrew Kunasek

II. Attendance Roll Call taken by Patti Suman – Quorum not present

Members Present

Laurel Arndt
James Burke (late arrival)
Jim Duncan
Bruce Ellison
Supervisor Andrew Kunasek
Fred Pfiefer
Felipe Zubia

Members Absent

Rep. Carolyn Allen
Jerry Aster
Supervisor Fulton Brock
Carol Erwin
Bill Lanford

Ex-Officio Members Present

Tom Buick
Mike Ellegood
Joy Rich
William Scalzo

It was noted that Steve Johnson (BOR) was in attendance to take notes for Commissioner Carol Erwin.

The minutes were moved to Agenda Item #8.

III. Mapping Project – Ken Medlin, ITC Manager, Tony Renaud, GIS Manager and Larry Wolfson, GIS Analyst of the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT)

Supervisor Kunasek recently visited MCDOT and was impressed with the new technology and mapping capabilities that were presented by the GIS division. He urged Commission members to contact him or their District Supervisor about visiting MCDOT to see this visual mapping process for their District or any specific area.

A presentation was given on the conceptual corridors for the proposed trails (Sun Circle Trail, Flood Control Watercourses ROW, CAP, Railroad and Utility ROW and spurs from the main loop). Several County departments, the State Land Department and other government agencies contributed data to the geographic technology.

Mr. Wolfson used the ArcView program to show visual images of several areas. Mr. Renaud stated that portions of this information are available on the County web site at www.maricopa.gov and accessing either the Assessor's office or the Planning & Development Department.

IV. Legacy Trail Master Plan Update – Brent Luck, Carter & Burgess

Mr. Luck thanked the Commission members who furnished comments on the ***Draft Scope of Work*** which was presented at the last Trail Commission meeting.

He distributed a handout showing a breakdown of the process for implementation of the plan that included marketing, operations, maintenance and design guidelines. Mr. Luck anticipates presenting the Master Plan to the Board of Supervisors for approval at the July 25, 2001 Board meeting.

V. Draft IGA with Flood Control & Parks – Terry Eckhardt, Deputy County Attorney

Though the County and the Flood Control District fall under the same governing body, they are two separate legal entities and that is why an IGA is necessary. This Draft IGA attempts to cover those items which will need to be in place between the County and the Flood Control District to allow the use of Flood Control District property for trails. Each tract will have to be examined for type of ownership/title (simple ownership, easement, etc.) in order to determine if that tract of land can be used for a trail or portions of a trail. All the legal descriptions will then be attached to this

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IGA. Mr. Ellegood stated that the Flood Control District has all the legal descriptions on a database and he feels it is prudent to examine all the properties affected to determine ownership.

Mr. Eckhardt reminded the Commission that there is another draft IGA in process with the Bureau of Reclamation on the CAP canal. He anticipates the possibility of additional IGAs with some of the Irrigation Districts.

VI. **Trails/Arterial Roadways – Tom Buick, Chief Public Works Officer, MCDOT, Chris Plumb, Programming & Systems Analysis Manager, MCDOT and Dawn Coomer, Multi-Modal Planner, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)**

Ms. Coomer and Mr. Plumb gave a presentation on Alternative Solutions for Mid-Block Crossings which included examples of existing mid-block crossings and grade-separated crossings. Ms. Coomer stated that the Phoenix area has over 150 arterial streets where canals cross at mid-block locations which are not consistently marked and can be a serious threat to pedestrians and bicyclists. Some of the criteria to be considered before selecting a type of crossing include:

- Street classification
- User mode (pedestrian, horse, bicycle)
- Traffic and trail volume
- Physical constraints
- Cost

VII. **Feasibility Study for a Multi-Use Path along the CAP Canal – Reed Kempton, Bicycle/Multi-Modal Planner, MCDOT**

Mr. Kempton stated that a technical advisory committee is being formed to select a consultant for a Feasibility Study for a Multi-Use Path along the Central Arizona Project Aqueduct System. There is \$55,000 available for this study. Participants in this study are ADOT, the Bureau of Reclamation, Maricopa County and the cities of Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix and Scottsdale. These agencies, along with the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWD), will make up the technical review committee.

Mr. Scalzo thanked Mr. Buick and MCDOT staff for continuing to follow-up on this project which is a vital part of the proposed trail program.

VIII. **Approval of the Minutes from March 21, 2001**

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Arndt and seconded by Commissioner Ellison.

Motion passed unanimously.

IX. **Motorized Recreation along the Agua Fria Trail Corridor – Commissioner Bruce Ellison**

Commissioner Ellison recently attended a meeting of the Agua Fria West Valley Recreation Corridor. Concerns were expressed to him about the fact that motorized recreation (ATVs, 4 x 4's, etc.) in the Agua Fria Recreation area was being eliminated with the new plans for this area. He was asked who could advise this group of a recreational area for use of motorized vehicles. Mr. Scalzo advised that he was aware of the problem and that Mr. VanAusdal of his staff was currently working with the State Game & Fish Department, State Land Department, State Parks Department and various other agencies to find park facilities which could be devoted to this issue. One possible alternative is to use national forest land where these vehicles are permitted. Mr. Ellegood pointed out that the use of this type of vehicle on Flood Control land has been a major problem for Flood Control, particularly in regard to PM-10 (dust control) for which Flood Control is then fined for the dust that is generated by the use of these recreational vehicles. Safety is also a major concern.

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X. Develop a Process to Name the Trail – *Chairman Kunasek*

It was decided that a subcommittee would be formed to come up with a list of possible names for the proposed Trail. This committee would then provide a recommendation to the Commission. The following Commission members will participate on the committee:

- Laurel Arndt
- Jim Burke
- Bruce Ellison
- Fred Pfeifer
- Bill Scalzo

XI. Call to the Commission

Chairman Kunasek announced that the Board of Supervisors specifically increased the Parks Department budget to include \$50,000 to hire a full time Trails Coordinator.

Additionally, he announced that the Board of Supervisors, on the Commission's recommendation, voted to approve the expenditure of \$58,180 to fully fund the equestrian trail addition to the Guadalupe Road Bridge.

XII. Call to the Public

None

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 PM.